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THE DENNIS CASE.

The Murderous Assailant Undoubtedly a Woman.

REVENGE THE MOTIVE.

How the Police Have Made the Work of Detection More Difficult—Inexcusably Stupid Preliminary Work of the Department—The Globe's Theory of the Case Elaborately Explained.

The mysterious crime of Tuesday morning last at the home of Mrs. Ada Gilbert Dennis on K street, shocked the entire city. The brutality of the assault on the sleeping lady, who was afflicted with deafness, making the murderous work easy for the assassin who was no doubt acquainted with her infirmity, causes even the coarse to shiver and congeals the blood to think that a human being can become so murderously brutal and so unspeakably depraved as to steal upon a sleeping, innocent woman and assault her with some murderous weapon or instrument. That the cause of the murder—for murder it is in its most horrible form—was not theft, nor rape, the two most impelling motives in the breast of a male malefactor or depraved and lustful brute, is self-evident. Hence the only other impelling passions are REVENGE and JEALOUSY. Thus theft and rape being eliminated from the motives of the assassin, he or she, was alone inspired by jealousy or revenge.

Mrs. Dennis was asleep when struck with it, it is alleged, the leg of a piano stool and the murderous assailant rained blow after blow on the head of the unfortunate woman.

That these blows were not delivered by a muscular arm is also self-evident, as the victim survived them and was not killed outright, as she would have been by the blows from the arm of a strong or average man. Hence the deduction has been arrived at that either an effeminate male or an unsexed and maddened female committed the murderous and cruel assault.

The hostility of Mrs. Dennis has been emphasized by her life of toil and business, as testified by her employees and acquaintances. She had no friends, nor even received male visitors in the evening. Nor did she keep company with any one on the outside. No male was either courting or paying his addresses to the lady. This, from our point of view, reduces the motives for the murder to the one overpowering and masterful passion of REVENGE. There could be no female jealous of her, as she gave no cause for jealousy, unless, indeed, she were a female Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. But this she could not have been without some one coming forward and "tipping" the fact off to the police. Besides, Mrs. Dennis lived such a life in the day time that such a role would be impossible. And in the night she was invariably accounted for as retiring early. It would, as stated, be impossible for her to slip out at night and enact the Hyde role, to return in the early morning and assume the Dr. Jekyll duties she was called upon to perform in the management of her well-paying clientele of ladies. Mrs. Dennis employed a number of women in her dress-making enterprise. Her daily supervision and close application to this lucrative business has been attested and proven beyond doubt.

Therefore, she was not keeping dates or company in the day time. This fact is clear. It is equally clear that her nights were as free from suspicion and that owing to her very infirmity visitors to her rooms would be overheard in conversation. She had no such visitors and she could not slip out to indulge in debauch and preserve her health, her business and her personal appearance.

Analyze it as we will, and making every allowance for the weakness of human nature, and especially of female human nature, we must pronounce Mrs. Dennis a hard headed business woman, coldly indifferent to intercourse with the opposite sex and interested in the business of making money with her dressmaking establishment. This being the almost certain fact, why was Mrs. Dennis assaulted? And whom did she so mortally offend that he or she endeavored to beat out her brains while she slept? Certainly, too, it was no male person she thus drove to murder because no male was known to be her intimate, her partner in business, her backer, her "company," or her paramour. The deduction is plain as the murderous wounds themselves that a woman is the assassin. Who is the woman? Thanks to the stupidity of our police department that question is now more difficult to answer than it would have been if proper methods had been observed when the murder was first reported. In all cities of the civilized world when occurrences of this character are reported to the police it is customary to seal the rooms and either arrest or place under police supervision every human being in the house where the homicide or attempted murder has been committed. Why this plain, common-sense policy was not adopted either in this or the Bonine case we are unable to answer.

If the Dennis rooms had been sealed up and everybody excluded but the officers of the law, there might have been a chance for the sagacious detective to trail the assassin from some evidence of her visit in the condition of the rooms and the disarrangement of the articles therein. If the individuals in the house had been placed incommunicado and separately examined, the police could satisfy themselves to a certainty whether there was any clue which could be followed up from their statements. Whether their statements tallied or corresponded. Whether, in fact, the murderer was among them! It is positively criminal on the part of the police the manner and method pursued in this case, as in a few others of noted character. They have aided the assassin of Mrs. Dennis in more securely concealing her identity, and it will now, indeed, be miraculous if she is smoked out from under cover. She is a woman—

and a terrible woman—beyond doubt or peradventure. And she is not a young, a strong or a lusty member of her sex. For these reasons: (1) She is not a young woman, because the young woman might deliver one blow, although this is assuming much and highly problematical, but she would never be able to continue the assault. Her nature would revolt and she would either scream, cry out or faint at the sight of the blood and pitiful condition of her victim.

(2) She was not a strong, lusty woman for if she was her blows would have not been repeatedly delivered while the pillow was handy to smother her victim to death. (3) That she was a terrible woman and of mature age the evidence is plain, for she neither fainted, cried out nor robbed her victim and kept her head and her coolness until she escaped from the room. She was animated by revenge, but this does not preclude minor motives, such as the hopes of inheriting the property or business of her victim. Revenge is reconcilable with these minor motives as well as it is for offenses real or imaginary committed against the assassin by Mrs. Dennis.

The woman who committed this crime is mature in years of a cold and speculative nature, and she planned the murder with the consummate knowledge and cunning of a hardened fiend. She was no jealous-maddened or hysterical nervous woman seeking revenge for alienating the affections of husband or lover, but the calculating cold-blooded assassin, whose revenge was based on future speculative gain or grievances long nursed and developed into homicidal mania.

In any case the police have botched the whole matter and have made it an extremely difficult problem indeed to solve this most terrible crime.

MRS. BONINE FREE.

The "Globe's" Prediction Vindicated and Our Closing Remarks on the Keenore Tragedy.

The acquittal of Mrs. Lola Ida Bonine was not the triumph of the counsel for the defense over the counsel for the government. In so far as the legal ability put forth by both sides the honors are even between Douglas and Gould and between Taggart and Dalton. Mrs. Bonine was acquitted because, as stated from the very beginning by the "GLOBE," she was innocent of murder in any of its degrees, and equally innocent of dishonoring herself, her husband and her family.

Mrs. Bonine is simply a victim of her own sympathetic temperament and her ill-regulated, and if we might be pardoned the expression—"gushing" desire to make herself agreeable among young men and women. She has been taught a terrible lesson and now fully realizes that there are men and women, too, who will place sinister deductions on the acts of a well-meaning matron, whose husband is absent. There are men who cannot be treated with pleasing recognition much less social familiarity without exciting in their breasts vain and egotistical feelings which lead on to the conviction that the woman is desirous and will consent to the act of adultery. Matrons, and for that matter unmarried women living in boarding houses and hotels, will, it is to be hoped, learn the lesson Mrs. Bonine has been taught, without passing through the terrible ordeal she endured in acquiring the information.

That the woman told the truth, the GLOBE has been convinced from the beginning; that she is a pure and unsullied matron we are equally convinced, and we touch our hat and extend our hand to her husband, who has manfully and loyally stood by and believed in the wife he vowed to cherish and protect. Right royally has he performed his marriage vows. To the bowed and sorrowing father of the ill-fated Ayres and to his brother and relatives the sympathy of the public goes out unreservedly, for they, indeed, have been terribly punished in their innocence and guiltlessness of any offence other than their love and relationship to the unfortunate youth.

Notice to Readers.

The directors of the Texas, Louisiana and Mexican Oil Company advanced the stock of the company from FIFTY CENTS TO ONE DOLLAR per share on their meeting the past week. The evidence of the success of this company is to apparent to need comment.

After the recess the music will commence and the dancing will be fast and furious. The minority will do the "furlions."

That story about the Pullman conductor was only seven years old. A fresh item compared to quoting from Caesar's campaigns in Gaul.

The horrible suicide and murder of her new born infant by an unfortunate girl, who loved not wisely but too well, must trouble the conscience of the villain morally responsible for the double crime.

"Henrietta Crossman in Nell Gwynn says at the Duchess of Portsmouth's ball, when escaping through the window, 'To h— with you all!'" This feebly expresses our sentiments on that Hay-Pauncetote treaty!

Hitchcock and Evans are a beautiful pair of soldiers' enemies to draw to. They are lovely in life and in their speedy official demise we hope they will not be parted. The political records of both these soldier haters would damn them even among horse marines and "Roppers."

Kann, Sons & Co. is besides being the most complete emporium in Washington is a reliable house where goods and articles are just as represented. The "Busy Corner" is respectfully recommended to the friends of the GLOBE as a good place to deal all the year round and as offering special advantages during the holiday season.

TALBOTT'S TURN

To Face the Proceedings About to be Commenced

FOR HIS INFAMOUS OUTRAGE

In Finding an Indictment Against Honorable Business Men of this City on the Unsupported Testimony of an Indicted Blackmailer to Whom He Paid Money as Admitted by Himself Under Oath.

The GLOBE had no idea that its old friend Judge T. J. Mackey was an attorney for the man Hudson, under indictment for conspiracy in the now celebrated Pickford arson case. But the judge in person, it appears, telephoned District Attorney Talbott to come to Washington and bail Hudson, who was in jail, or he, Hudson, would "tell all." This whole business becomes blacker and more damnable the more it is investigated. The article in last Sunday's GLOBE has called out reams of correspondence from people familiar with the great outrage and Mr. Pickford will find it impossible to let the matter drop with his vindication by the courts and the ventilation of the conspiracy in the newspapers. There is a duty Mr. Pickford owes the community which he will be compelled to perform, whether the same is distasteful or otherwise. In other words either before or after the coming trial of Hudson and Hopp for conspiracy to blackmail, rigid investigation into the connection of District Attorney Talbott with the preliminary stages of the case and his securing of an indictment against Mr. Pickford and the other three gentlemen for the crime of arson must be had.

In what form or manner this investigation will occur, whether in proceedings for disbarment or the presentation of the facts to the grand jury, the GLOBE is unable to state, but that some action will take place to thoroughly clear up the infamous outrage to which Mr. Pickford, Mr. Walter, Mr. Bradshaw and Mr. Shaw were subjected in their arrest and indictment by District Attorney Talbott for the heinous crime of arson, that official can rest assured, as the GLOBE is in a position to authoritatively state that the ventilation of the conspiracy in the press will not be accepted as full reparation by the victims of Hudson's perjury; neither will his and Hopp's conviction and punishment satisfy the ends of justice.

The case stands thus:

(1) On the bare testimony of a man with a cloudy reputation, given secretly and before a grand jury in the state of Maryland, four respectable citizens of this District were arrested on an indictment for arson secured by District Attorney Talbott in Montgomery county.

(2) At 11 o'clock at night the agents of the district attorney proceeded to make the arrests, so that the accused persons would have to be locked up without bail.

(3) In the development of the subsequent proceedings it was testified to, in open court, that this man Hudson had received various sums of money from District Attorney Talbott, and that Mr. Talbott had even given him a check for \$75.

(4) When Hudson laid in the District jail unable to furnish bond, he instructed his attorney, Judge T. J. Mackey, to inform Mr. Talbott that if he (Talbot) did not secure him a bondsman, he (Hudson) would "tell all" and expose the conspiracy by which Pickford and his companions were charged, arrested and indicted for the crime of arson.

(5) Whereupon Mr. Talbott came to the city and secured Hudson's release on a bond furnished by the Union Security Company, for which, the said company was paid \$100.

(6) When Hudson and Hopp were given their preliminary trial Mr. Talbott stated on the witness stand under oath, and in reply to the questions of the prosecuting attorney (see page 62; Testimony United States vs. Hudson and Hopp.)

Mr. TALBOTT: "I think I had a headache. I took lunch with Mr. Hudson. I have given Hudson some money."

Asked if he had given Hudson a check Mr. Talbott said:

"No, sir; money. I am sure it was money."

The prosecuting attorney, pressing the witness, asked specifically if he (Talbot) had given Hudson a check for \$75 to which Mr. Talbott finally replied after much hesitation, "yes, I did give that— he was in danger of losing every thing, and the old man appealed to me very strongly and I helped him."

Mr. Talbott was permitted to explain why he gave Hudson the check for \$75, and his explanation was that Hudson's condition appealed to him.

(7) Now it will be noted that it was on Hudson's unsupported testimony that Mr. Talbott secured an indictment against Pickford, WALTER *et al.* It will also be recalled that in last Sunday's GLOBE this man Hudson and his co-conspirator, Hopp, attempted to blackmail Pickford, and that they are now under indictment for that crime. The conspiracy against Pickford *et al.* was predicated upon the allegation that insurance amounting to \$21,000 was collected upon property destroyed by fire, and that Pickford had hired the other persons mentioned to set fire to the said property, which had previously come into the possession of Pickford by purchase.

When Hudson and Hopp failed in their blackmailing attempt on Pickford and were indicted by the grand jury for the crime, Mr. Talbott, who by this time was fully aware of the character of his only witness, Hudson, still persisted in trying to hold Mr. Pickford on the indictment found on Hudson's testimony, and at the same time refused to try Pickford to a jury and had the case postponed at every term of the court from the finding of the indictment until the judges from the bench on the 22d of November last peremptorily ordered him to try Mr. Pickford and produce his

evidence, whereupon Mr. Talbott was forced to confess that he had none—had no case, and he then entered a NOT PROS.

We have, therefore, these facts, Mr. Pickford purchased property which was destroyed by fire, for which he received \$21,000 insurance money. Hudson, after being turned down by Mr. Talbott's predecessor in office, convinced (?) Talbott that Pickford had this property set on fire. The insurance company would pay him (Hudson) \$11,000 on the conviction of Pickford and Walter *et al.* This \$11,000 according to the statement of Hopp, Hudson's co-conspirator, was to be divided between Talbott and Hudson, he (Hopp) was to receive only \$1,500 for negotiating a deal with Pickford, whereby Pickford was to pay him (Hopp) the \$11,000 promised by the insurance company to Hudson, and all criminal proceedings would then be dropped by Talbott, who was to share the \$11,000 as stated.

Of course Mr. Talbott is not to be condemned or held on the statement of a man like Hopp, who not only betrayed his benefactor, but endeavored to blackmail him out of \$5,000. Nevertheless, it will be recalled that Mr. Talbott held and indicted Mr. Pickford *et al.* on the statement of Hudson. If there is any difference between Hopp and Hudson, Hopp has the pole. The GLOBE, in going through the records in this case, unearthed another legal matter which places Attorney Talbott in a strange light, and which, from our point of view, calls for investigation equally as imperative as the case of Pickford *et al.* The history of the case is too long for this article. Briefly stated in the reports, it reads:

"Frank J. Wood *et al.* vs. David C. Grayson, Trustees *et al.*, Vol. 10, Court of Appeals, D. C. Mr. Justice Shepherd delivered the opinion of the Court and said:

"As regards the conduct of Wood and Talbott (District Attorney Maurice H. Talbott), who claim to hold the equitable title to the property subject to the two trusts, the allegations are likewise sufficient."

The secret conveyance of the property in the parcels as alleged, the trust deed purporting to secure an indebtedness of \$34,000 that did not exist; the feigned suit with their secret trustee Duke, to abate the nuisances occasioned by the encroachment of the flats building upon the adjacent strip; the attempt to purchase the claims of the second trust for 20 per cent of their face value; the threat made to prevent the realization of anything on their account; the manner in which they came into the possession of the flats, and their refusal to pay the surplus thereof upon the interest accruing due upon the first trust, even after Grayson had offered to advance whatever additional sum might be necessary to meet the entire installment, all tend to establish the existence of a scheme on the part to force the sale of the property, under the first trust, under such circumstances as would seriously endanger the security of the second—a scheme, which it would be superfluous to characterize with an epithet. This is indeed strong, we might say, extraordinary language from the bench. The conduct of Messrs. Wood and Talbott was such that the judge thought it superfluous to characterize the same with an epithet! If it was thus so apparent and so flagrant that it did not need to be called by the name it deserved why has not the matter been brought to the attention of the District Bar? Or is this one of the charges in contemplation which are to be preferred or investigated in the furtherance of this recent outrage perpetrated upon Messrs. Pickford, Walter, Bradshaw and Shaw by an indictment for arson on the unsupported statement of Hudson, who subsequently admitted under oath that he did not know Messrs. Pickford and Walter and had never before seen them until he was brought face to face with the gentlemen in court?

Inasmuch as District Attorney Maurice Talbott, of Montgomery county, Maryland, is a member of the District of Columbia Bar, it is probably before this body the contemplated action will be taken which the GLOBE has on reliable authority will be only one of the methods or proceedings that the friends of Messrs. Pickford and Walter feel is due to those gentlemen in reparation for the outrage to which they were subjected and the dishonorable treatment of Hudson, who subsequently admitted under oath that he did not know Messrs. Pickford and Walter and had never before seen them until he was brought face to face with the gentlemen in court?

The whole matter calls for ventilation, not only by the press but by the criminal courts of this District, and the sooner proceedings are commenced the sooner will the ends of justice be subserved.

A JUST VERDICT.

A Respectable Merchant Vindicated of a Most Heinous Crime.

Mr. Robert L. Anderson was acquitted Friday last of improper relations with a fourteen-year-old girl at his store, 720 Eighth street, northwest. Young girls of this age and up to their sixteenth year need constant surveillance as their curiosity and imagination lead them into trouble. They are bold and venturesome because of their sexual ignorance and, then, burning curiosity. Like the male sex of the same age they have their ideas of maturity distorted and they are only too ready to make deductions of matters which, if they were older, would never be made. Mr. Anderson, like the balance of his sex, was simply gracious and obliging to the sprightly and vivacious misses who patronize his place or visited the store. Their familiarity he treated as the grown man usually does without dreaming of the evil that might result therefrom. His arrest on the charge of improper relations with one of these young misses came as a shock to his family and friends. His triumphant vindication by the verdict of a jury places him again where he has always belonged in the ranks of the decent and reputable merchants of the city.

Senator McLaurin, of South Carolina, has found his level. The mountain did not come to Mohammed after all.

The erection of executive offices as an annex to the White House is a proper and necessary enterprise for Congressional appropriation.

SHELLING THE WOODS

Preparatory to a General Assault all Along the Line.

NEPOTISM AND KINDRED EVILS

Will Be Shown Up for the Enlightenment of Congress, the President and the Civil Service Commissioners—Now Is the Time to Send Into the "Globe" Office Facts and Figures—Cases of the Milder Type.

In another column the GLOBE has made brief reference to Sixth Auditor Castle's department touching a flagrant case of immorality on the part of one of his clerks, who is for the present nameless.

The following cases of nepotism in this department are given merely as illustrations of the conditions which prevail in every department of the government at Washington.

The GLOBE, as stated, is preparing a full list which will not be ready for publication until Congress returns after the Christmas holiday recess. Therefore the few sample cases given here and from a department where half a dozen more exists are simply for the guidance of Congressmen and to whet their expectations when the full list is published. They will then, perhaps, be able to discover what a helpless lot they are in the matter of boosting anybody into a government job. The department chiefs understand the trick, however, so do the appointment clerks and so do the brokers on the outside who run underground wires to the big buildings flying the American flag! Now, gentlemen, focus your opera glasses on Mr. Castle's department one moment. For instance we have:

Mrs. Dr. D. K. Shute, clerk, \$1,300. Dr. D. K. Shute, her husband, has a private practice amounting to between \$5,000 and \$10,000 a year. Is dean of Columbia College at \$1,000 per annum, and jail physician at \$1,000. Mrs. Shute's father is, or was until very recently, an employee in the War Department at \$5.50 per day. Mrs. Shute's sister is a public school teacher. They have no children and pose as shining lights in "society." Live in a pretentious marble front mansion on Q street.

Mrs. A. V. Wright, clerk at \$1,200. Her husband, Major Wright, is a \$2,000 clerk or chief in pension office. No children.

Mrs. J. C. Green, \$1,400 clerk. Promoted from \$1,200 to \$1,400 shortly after her recent marriage to Mr. Green, a patent lawyer whose office is in the Magill building, and who enjoys a lucrative practice.

Mrs. Beck, \$900 or \$1,000 clerk. Husband \$900 clerk over in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Mrs. Almira Moodie, \$1,600 clerk. Holds highest position of any lady clerk in 6th Auditor's office. Is engaged, it is alleged, or married, we forget which, to a \$2,750 per annum official.

Miss Dora Everson, \$1,400 clerk, said to be the daughter-in-law of a \$1,400 clerk in the same office.

Miss Beulah Stringer, \$1,400 clerk, also said to be engaged.

Mr. J. C. Winans, file clerk, \$650. His sister, Mrs. Wiley, is in this office also at \$1,400.

The GLOBE could go all through the departments and cite much more flagrant cases of nepotism than the above. They are simply given off hand, from memory, simply by way of illustration and because we were arrested for referring to this sacred department of the government. And we never take a bluff.

The Pikes, the Brians, the Collins, the whole family in office business will in due time be spread out in these columns for the enlightenment of Congressmen and the Civil Service Commissioners. As also, the fact that the males have no votes while the females are credited to states they never put their number seven in either as visitors or residents.

The aforesaid males, it will be shown, have not since early youth seen their alleged native states and numbers of them have never been further from Washington than Atlantic City on their annual rest. On the other hand the English, the Scotch, Irish, Canadians, Swedes and Mikey Lewis citizens of the world who hold down appointment clerkships in the War, Agricultural, State, Statistical and other departments of our "free for all" government might be kindly asked to produce at least their citizenship papers and indicate the state in which they were naturalized and where they last voted, if ever, in this land of the free (booster) and home of the oppressed European (office holder). Old soldiers with G. A. R. buttons and war records on file before the birth certificates of the Hides, the Fords, the Lewises, *et al.*, were registered in their respective foreign countries are compelled to clean spittoons or tramp the streets of the National Capital unemployed and unprovided for, and this notwithstanding fervid expressions of sympathy and "remembrance of their deeds" from the President of the United States down along the line to—H. Clay Evans!

Ex-soldier Shodgrass is black listed because he dared to expose the violation of the merit system in the department in which he was employed for upwards of fourteen years. Does Mr. Roosevelt know of this outrageous case under his predecessor? The GLOBE has a number of such which will produce before the adjournment of Congress.

And, by the way, now is the time for men who have suffered under the persecution, injustice, neglect and discrimination to send in through the mails, if they feel it unsafe to call in person brief histories of their individual cases. This invitation is not confined to old soldiers, but to all department and ex-department employees of the government.

It is unnecessary to state that the GLOBE's editor will protect his informants, and no drag net, however fine its meshes, can secure their names or our sources of information.

THE FEMALE CLERK

The Attention of the Civil Service Commissioners Called.

OPEN IMMORALITY OF SOME

And a Few Illustrations Furnished by the "Globe" of this Evil in the Departments—Offer to the Commissioner of Some Valuable Information Along the Lines Indicated—Castle's Office Has a Few Cases.

The number of department clerks living in adultery is an open scandal to every posted person in the Capital City. And these offending employees are of both sexes. The GLOBE has on file numbers of cases which are at the service of the Civil Service Commissioners at any time they may choose to investigate the same. Provided, of course, that the morality of government employees is a question for official investigation.

Washington City presents a unique and distinct condition of the social evil from that of any other city in the United States, or indeed, for that matter in the civilized world.

Here women indulge in forbidden relations with the opposite sex without sense of degradation and without fear of the usual results, such as social ostracism, relegation to the ranks of the immoral outcasts of society or other penalty customary elsewhere. This is due in part, but not wholly, to the large number of cases where females to secure government positions were compelled to sell themselves to the appointing powers.

The GLOBE has from time to time given specific cases where female applicants or their male relatives have put us in possession of the facts. One notorious case, that of a former Deputy Commissioner of Pensions, who made infamous proposals to the daughter of an old soldier, attracted some attention at the time of publication, principally because the word "deputy" was omitted by the types, and the article read, "A former Commissioner of the Pension Bureau." Heads of departments have resorted when flagrant cases have been brought to their attention that they had nothing to do with the morality of the male and female clerks "out of office hours."

During the past year we recall the publication in these columns the details of two female employees in the Agricultural Department who made dates through the mails, and we quoted from their letters and other evidence to show that they were actually street walkers!

This morning the GLOBE presents a sample case to the Civil Service Commissioners of numbers on file in this office, which, as stated, are at their service. There is a clerk in Sixth Auditor Castle's department who publicly, and to the great scandal of the decent people living in an apartment house on Tenth street, visits and remains all night with a female employee of the Mail Bag Repair Shop. Drinking, swearing and riotous scenes are of weekly occurrence. In this case both mother and daughter are of notoriously immoral character, and frequent complaints have been made at this office with earnest appeals to expose them.

Recently two female clerks were transferred by Secretary Gage on an appeal by the wife of a prominent official in the Internal Revenue Office, whom she accused of cohabitation with her husband. The GLOBE, of course, is in possession of the names, male and female, of the government department clerks and officials who thus offend against the moral code and again we repeat the Civil Service Commissioners are welcome to the same and other information in our possession.

It is a very unpleasant task for the GLOBE to be compelled singly and alone to constitute itself the censor or the guardian of the morals of department officials.

As a Democratic newspaper and a public journal our duty impels us to go so far, but we insistently hold that it is the duty of the Civil Service Commissioners to bring to judgment or punishment all transgressors of this character in the departments. The GLOBE has a long list of the accused, both in its published files and many who have not been, so far, subjected to publicity.

The evil of the female department clerk and employee was brought upon this country by a foreigner—the late Treasurer Spinner—who, although he became an American citizen and attained high rank in the army and civil life, was nevertheless imbued with monarchical principles, and although few monarchies in Europe employ female clerks, Mr. Spinner engrafted the system on his adopted country.

The male applicant, however qualified, is at a discount in a competitive fight for government employment with the female aspirant, especially if she is good looking and compliant. This, of course, is after both pass the civil service examination and are on the eligible list. Now the GLOBE would rather lose the hand tracing these lines than be understood as making the insinuations generally applicable to successful female aspirants.

There are many, very many, in fact, the large majority of the females in the service of the government, who have come honorably by their appointments, and who honorably hold the same. But the numbers of female employees whom a nameless and certain sinister "influence" have enabled to secure employment in the departments are patent to all men, especially the men using them for mistresses. These dames ought to be weeded out of the departments in justice to the decent and reputable ladies who are compelled to work with them and even to suffer in the matter of promotion and other departmental favors. Since the female clerk has come to stay in the departments of the government, it is the duty of the Civil Service Commissioners to protect her in the preservation of that honor, which is the crowning glory of her womanhood. Let us see if they will do it before the GLOBE's eyes lose!